

# OFFICIAL REPORTS OF SOCIETIES

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[We must ask contributors to this department to make their reports as concise as possible, omitting all mention of regular routine business, and stating such facts as are of special interest to absent members or to the profession at large. The JOURNAL has already increased its regular reading pages from sixty-four to eighty, and it must keep within these limits. In order to do this all of the departments are being condensed to make room for our constantly increasing items of interest.—Ed.]

## THE NURSES' ASSOCIATED ALUMNÆ

THE Nurses' Associated Alumnae opened its seventh annual convention of three days on Thursday, May 12, in the Drexel Institute, Philadelphia. The president, Miss Mary M. Riddle, called the meeting to order at three o'clock. The Rt. Rev. O. W. Whitaker, Bishop of Pennsylvania, made the invocation, and the president delivered an able address, after which the meeting adjourned.

The official proceedings will be published in full in the July number of this JOURNAL. The officers elected were: President, Miss Mary M. Riddle; first vice-president, Miss Annie Dauer; second vice-president, Miss M. M. Whitaker; secretary, Miss Mary E. Thornton; treasurer, Miss Healy. These, with six directors, will form the Executive Board.

The most important business transacted was the completion and adoption of the constitution and by-laws. The question of the future ownership of the JOURNAL was discussed and a satisfactory solution reached. The programme proved to be most interesting, and the social entertainment provided made the week one of great pleasure.

The association was given the freedom of the Drexel Institute—a most delightful building in which to hold such a convention—and every attention and courtesy was shown to the visitors and members. The meeting next year will be held in Washington, D. C.

MARY E. THORNTON, Secretary.

## NEW YORK STATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

AMENDMENTS to the by-laws were submitted to the New York State Nurses' Association at the third annual meeting held in Albany, April 10, 1904, and it was resolved that only registered nurses shall be eligible to individual membership in the association, that only such alumnae associations as are composed of members who are graduates from training-schools registered by the Regents of the State of New York, and only such other organizations of which the members admitted after October, 1904, are registered nurses, shall be eligible. Applicants eligible for membership in any local nursing organization belonging to the State association shall not be admitted as individual members. Applications for membership shall be made one month before the regular meetings.

Provision was also made that the Nominating Committee name four candidates for the Board of Examiners. Two of these are to be elected by the association at the annual meeting and the names submitted to the Board of Regents, who will in turn appoint one to serve on the Board of Examiners for a period of five years. Other amendments were held over until October.

During the past year ninety-five new members and ten organizations were admitted, making a total membership of two hundred and thirty-four individual members and twenty organizations. The names of the individuals and associations admitted at the annual meeting are as follows:

Bessie L. Hatfield, Grace E. Adair, Cora E. Sylvester-Douglas, Christena McEwen, Anna Howell Ostrom, Eunice W. Brinkerhoff, Harriet May Harmon, Agnes Boon Baker, Laura C. Duryea, Mary Hennessy, Hildegard Backman, Bessie Massey, Alexina Parsell, Annie P. Evans, Lena Griffin, Susie Butters, Emma Hartlieb, Della Hobertis, Ida M. Topping, Lena Fries, Marguerita M. Hogan, Agnes C. Dunne, Agnes Bertha Smith, Jennie A. Zimmerman, Mary Adelaide Marquis, Emma E. Hild, Marion F. Deane, A. H. Lough, Christiana Crowther, Eliza J. Hodgson, Carrie Jowett.

New York County Nurses' Association.

Alumnæ Association of St. John Riverside Hospital.

Alumnæ Association of Mills Training-School.

The Alumnæ Association of Albany Hospital.

Certificates for registration are now being issued by the Regents of the University.

JESSIE MCCALLUM,  
Retiring Secretary.

#### THE PORTLAND MEETING

THE Conference of District Nurses that is to be held in Portland is looked forward to with much pleasant anticipation by those who are planning to be present. It is hoped that as many nurses as possible will avail themselves of this opportunity for the exchange of ideas and experiences. The meetings are to be of a very informal nature and will consist largely of discussion of topics bearing upon the relation of district nursing to social and philanthropic questions. With the marked development in methods of philanthropy during the past few years it is interesting to note that the nurse is being given an increasing share in the deliberations of those interested in social and philanthropic questions. While the world at large is learning the economic value of the nurse, she ought not to fail on her part to become better acquainted with the movements of modern thought, particularly those that have a natural bearing upon her own profession. The conference at Portland affords rare opportunities in this direction. Miss Jane Addams, of Hull House, will speak, and there are others of equal interest on the programme.

Following is the programme of the special meetings to be held at the Fal-mouth Hotel, Portland, Me. The first meeting is scheduled to take place on June 14 at eight P.M. The second will be on the morning following,—the 15th,—at ten A.M. It is hoped that all who attend the meetings will study the topics carefully and will come prepared to assist in animated discussion.

1. "Should district nursing be made so largely an educational and instructive factor as to make the value of skilled nursing rendered only a secondary consideration?"

2. "What are the best methods for a district nurse to pursue in order to secure sufficient care for her very sick patients at night?"

3. "What are the best methods for caring for contagious cases when it is impossible to have a nurse specialize one class of diseases? Should a nurse take obstetrical cases when doing general nursing?"

4. "The advisability of impressing upon the public the growing necessity for nurses devoted to the care of cases of tuberculosis."

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1. "To what extent can the administration of sick diet and general relief be entrusted to district nurses without reference to investigating societies?"

2. "Is a central home the best way to keep up the interest and *esprit de corps* of the nurses, or should a nurse have residence in the district in which she works?"

3. "Comparative methods of bookkeeping, reports, records, etc. What style of bag, apron, dress is advisable? Has a prescribed street uniform advantages over a less conspicuous style of dress?"

4. "Why should there not be a Federation of Nurses in America adopting a uniform method both in dress and administration? See Queen's Nurses in England and Victoria Order in Canada."

JANE ELIZABETH HITCHCOCK, Secretary,  
205 Henry Street, New York.

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#### REPORT OF THE CLASS IN HOSPITAL ECONOMICS

*To Miss Banfield, Chairman.*

The report of our instructor, Miss Aline, has already informed you of our special advantages during the month of April in the line of excursions and lectures. In addition to this we should like to emphasize the fact that this course gives us unusual opportunities of studying not only hospital organization of all kinds, but also the allied fields of district nursing and public charities.

The visit to the Association for the Improvement of the Condition of the Poor and the United Charities was extremely helpful, as they are dealing with the same class of people that furnishes the majority of patients in general hospitals.

Several members of the class are planning to spend a whole day with one of the Association for the Improvement of the Condition of the Poor visitors, accompanying her on her round of visits. We have been invited by the manager of the association to visit "Sea Breeze," their summer home for poor women and children on Coney Island.

The Domestic Science Department of Teachers College kindly arranged a course of six lessons, conducted by Miss Way, the dietist at Whittier Hall, the College Dormitory, in the practical management of the domestic department of the institution. Respectfully submitted,

STUDENTS' COMMITTEE (per ISABELLA E. JEWELL).

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#### THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE MEETING

The Graduate Nurses' Association of the State of Pennsylvania met at Wilkes-Barre April 20 and 21. The first session was called to order by Miss Brobson, the president. Rev. Dr. Jones opened with prayer, which was followed by an address of welcome by Dr. G. W. Guthrie. A paper on "The Preliminary Education of Nurses," by Miss Milne, of the Presbyterian Hospital of Philadel-

phia, was read by Miss Dunlop, another on "The Benefit of Registration to the Public," by Miss Curtis, of Phoenixville, Pa.

The usual business was transacted. One hundred and twenty applications for membership were accepted. Miss Giles, of Pittsburg, submitted her resignation as secretary of the association, which was finally accepted.

Invitations from Erie, Reading, and New Castle were read for the next quarterly meeting to be held in July. It was finally decided to accept the invitation to Erie, in order that members from the northern part of the State might have a better chance of attending.

During the next two months circulars will be printed, and as far as possible distributed to all nurses in the State, fully explaining the principles of registration.

If anyone knowing of nurses who have not received a copy, or of anyone desiring information on this subject, will send the names to Mrs. Edwin Lewis, of 523 Second Street, Braddock, Pa., they will be supplied.

If all nurses who attended the Philadelphia meeting in June or the Pittsburg meeting in October of 1903 and who have not paid their initiation fees and annual dues will do so before the annual meeting in October they will be considered charter members. All checks should be sent to Miss A. M. Shiels, of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital, Broad and Wood Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.

A copy of the constitution and by-laws can be obtained by applying to the secretary,

MRS. GEO. O. LOEFFLER,

Chairman Publication and the Press.

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#### NOTICE TO APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION TO TEACHERS COLLEGE COURSE IN HOSPITAL ECONOMICS

MISS ANNA C. MAXWELL has kindly consented to act as chairman during Miss Banfield's absence abroad. Applications should therefore be made to her at the Presbyterian Hospital, New York City, for all information and application blanks.

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"THE Associated Nurses of St. Louis" are making arrangements for headquarters on the Fair Grounds, where the visiting nurses may meet, rest, and become acquainted with one another. As plans cannot be fully completed in time for this month's issue any information desired upon this subject by nurses visiting the Fair in June will be gladly given by the secretary of the Associated Nurses of St. Louis, Helen G. Kelly, 3943 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo.

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#### REGULAR MEETINGS

New York.—The Alumnae Association of the New York City Training-School held its regular monthly meeting at the Academy of Medicine, 17 West Forty-third Street, on Tuesday, May 10. After the usual routine of business Edward T. Devine, Ph.D., editor of *Charities* and general secretary of the Charity Organization Society, addressed the meeting on "The Trained Nurse in Philanthropy." Dr. Devine said that in looking for a text for this occasion his eye fell on one in Psalm xci., "A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand," but knowing the retiring attitude of nurses he felt that they would protest that that honor belonged to the medical profession. Others in Psalms cxvi. and exix., "I was greatly afflicted" and "It is good for me

to have been afflicted," for personal reasons he discarded also (had he been through a training-school he would have thought these the most appropriate), but found his key-note in Psalm lxxxv., "Mercy and truth are met together," for in a nurse's work as nowhere else are mercy and truth joined together in inseparable union. The profession is passing through a stage of development and the trained nurse has been subjected to the microscope of observation and the scalpel of criticism. She is on the field of battle (or the hospital camp on war's grim border), in hospital wards in peaceful cities, in and out among the homes of the poor on errands of mercy, at the bedside of the well-to-do. She has fallen from exposure, from physical strain, and from the heroic attempt to perform the impossible as nobly as if on the field of battle. He said the profession is not overcrowded and that we have not yet reached the point of saturation. (But the solution needs filtering, though he may not have noticed the dregs.) He pointed out two heresies. One was that if she were merely to fetch and carry for the physician, she might feel as irresponsible as the hodecarrier, who said the man at the top did all the work. The other was that womanliness and housewifeliness were the most essential qualities of a nurse. While yielding to none in his admiration of womanliness or his esteem for housewifeliness, he thought these qualities should be in the background in the sick-room, where the skilled professional nurse should take command of the situation, laying aside the privileges of sex, age, beauty, or ignorance, and with an impersonal interest and a higher ideal than any other woman needs accomplish the work to which she is called. All this gives her an admirable foundation for philanthropic or charitable work. Her horizon must be widened to see the causes of all the difficulties in which the family are involved, and after getting the right point of view and learning the root of the evil, she must treat it with that same thoroughness and adherence to truth and mercy which she would use towards physical weakness. Here he said it might be well to warn us against allowing ourselves or our profession to be made a cat's-paw of for furthering the interests of societies, settlements, missions, and churches, to increase converts, club-members, etc., instead of insisting upon the dignity, independence, and genuine worth of our profession in preventing disease or relieving the sick. The nurse in philanthropy very nearly holds the key to the situation, as fifty per cent. of all charitable work is due to illness and at some stage needs a nurse. If, then, those who are engaged in this most gracious ministry—the care of the sick—add to their healing art, the knowledge and enthusiasm for the science of philanthropy, which, after all, no less than the science of medicine, underlies their art, they will surely exert what will be very nearly a preponderating influence in the relief of distress and the working out of a better social order, in which there shall be less of sickness, suffering, premature decay, and death, and more of healthy living, of wholesome rational enjoyment of life, when nursing and philanthropy will not have ceased, but will have their opportunity in higher and more attractive spheres, and when our problem will not be as much how to lessen human misery as how to add still more to the happiness and well-being of mankind. After the meeting the nurses adjourned to the banquet hall. The refreshments which followed were a donation from Mrs. David Ingersoll and Miss Canfield.

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NEW YORK.—The annual meeting of the Association of Graduate Nurses in Manhattan and Bronx was held on May 9, at four-thirty p.m., at the League for Political Education, 23 West Forty-fourth Street. The officers elected for the

coming year were: President, Miss M. W. McKechnie; vice-president, Miss L. F. Nicolai; secretary, Miss A. S. Bussell; treasurer, Mrs. F. Brockway; trustee (three years), Miss M. E. Shannon. The report of the secretary showed that fifty-four members had been admitted during the year. The treasurer reported that there was a balance to the credit of the association of seventy-four dollars and forty-three cents. The report of the delegates to the New York State Nurses' meeting was read and approved. Three applications for membership approved by the Membership Committee were voted upon favorably, and seven new members were elected—viz., Miss M. S. Moore, Miss J. C. Allan, Miss O. E. Burr, Miss L. Rautrstein, Miss L. E. Weebus, Miss G. Thorne, and Miss C. F. Peake. The subject of this association applying for membership in the County Nurses' Association was discussed at some length. It was finally voted to defer any action towards this for the present, and to retain our membership in the State Nurses' Association. The president spoke of the desirability of *THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING* being owned by the Associated Alumnae, and said that in the movement towards this object our association ought to be prepared to take its part. Mrs. M. Moore moved that the obtaining of a charter be considered. A committee was appointed to ascertain the necessary steps to be taken towards obtaining a charter; also what advantages and disadvantages would be thereby entailed. Mrs. Brockway spoke to the meeting of the Nurses' Auxiliary Society for Stony Wold, now being formed with the object of providing some place in the Adirondacks for nurses who had contracted tuberculosis.

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CINCINNATI, O.—The annual meeting of the Graduate Nurses' Association of Cincinnati was held on April 27 at the City Hospital, Miss Greenwood in the chair. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Miss Hamer Greenwood, superintendent Jewish Hospital; first vice-president, Miss Olive Fisher, superintendent Training-School City Hospital; second vice-president, Miss McEwen, superintendent Training-School Christ Hospital; secretary, Mrs. Hartsock, superintendent Training-School Presbyterian Hospital; treasurer, Miss Petering, superintendent Home for the Friendless; councillors, Miss Wallers, Miss Adler. In her address the president spoke of the work accomplished by the Graduate Nurses' Association during the year. This work has been largely directed along the lines of organization and State legislation. The call for a meeting of nurses to consider the formation of a State association was sent out by the association, which had also the pleasure of entertaining the delegates with a trolley-ride and luncheon. The majority of the graduate nurses in good standing in the city are members. A registry is also maintained for the benefit of nurses in private practice. The annual report will shortly be published.

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OTTAWA.—A meeting for the organization of the Alumnae Association of St. Luke's General Hospital graduate nurses was held at the hospital on March 31, 1904. Miss Chesley was elected to the chair pro tem. After a free discussion as to the need for such an organization it was shown to be the sense of the meeting that an Alumnae Association should now be formed, and a committee of four was appointed to draw up a constitution and by-laws, the committee to report at the next meeting, which was held April 14. The constitution and by-laws presented were approved of by the meeting and the following officers were

unanimously elected: President, Miss Chesley, lady superintendent; vice-president, Miss Collins, Class of 1903; secretary-treasurer, Miss Rayside, Class of 1901. As the Training-School is still in its infancy, the graduates are few, but judging by the enthusiasm displayed at the meeting and the sincere regrets received from all who were unable to attend we look to the future for a very flourishing association. The society was started with a membership of seventeen, and the hope of six more after the graduation exercises on May 31.

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BOSTON.—The New England Hospital Alumnae Association held their annual meeting on the afternoon of May 4. It was called to order at two p.m., Miss Mary C. Hall, vice-president, presiding. Letters from absent members were read. The sick relief fund was discussed, and the feasibility of owning shares in the Stock Company of the Club-House. It was moved to purchase one share. Tribute was paid to our first graduate, Miss Linda Richards. A vote of thanks was given to Miss Dillet for long and continuous service. The graduating class was present. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Mary C. Hall; first vice-president, Miss Dillet; second vice-president, Miss Grace Robinson; third vice-president, Miss Jennie E. Henrie; secretary, Miss D. Hodgkins; assistant secretary, Miss S. Hogarth. The meeting adjourned at four p.m. until October 8. The graduating class was entertained at the Club-House. Salads and ices were served. Selections were rendered by Miss Amie Fielding on the piano and charades were given in the parlor during the evening. The evening closed with "Auld Lang Syne."

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CLEVELAND, O.—On Wednesday, April 20, at one o'clock, the Alumnae Association of the Cleveland Training-School for Nurses gave a luncheon in honor of the graduating class, which held their graduating exercises on the evening of the following day. The luncheon was held in the assembly hall of the Hollenden Hotel. Five tables were set, each accommodating eight persons. The decorations were of roses, pink, red, and white, with asparagus fern, and the menu cards were of white with gold ribbon, the colors of the class. Miss Lottie Guy, president of the association, was toast-mistress, and many toasts were given. Mr. W. H. Webber, superintendent of the hospital, spoke on the "History of the School," and was followed by Mrs. Jean McGregor, the oldest graduate nurse in the city, Miss Alice Bowman, Miss Myma Williams, Miss Florence Maillem, Miss Charlotte Ludwig, Miss Casey, principal of the school, and Miss Ethel Osborne, who responded for the class. Many letters of congratulation were read, among them one from Hon. Myron T. Herrick, who is president of the hospital.

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INDIANAPOLIS.—The second annual meeting of the Hope Hospital Nurses' Alumnae Association was held at the hospital parlors on Tuesday afternoon, May 3, 1904. The reports presented by officers and committees made it evident that the association has enjoyed a prosperous year, in which much excellent work has been accomplished. Election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, Mrs. E. G. Fournier; vice-president, Miss Flo. Conklin; secretary, Miss Alice McCully; treasurer, Miss Mary Dyble; chairman Social Committee, Mrs. Elliott; chairman Programme Committee, Miss Elena Weaver; historian, Miss Elizabeth Melville; badge manager, Miss Ella Jones. The association has a membership of about thirty and is in an excellent condition in every

way. A feature of the meeting on Tuesday was an address by the president, Mrs. Fournier. Miss Alice McCully was elected a delegate to the meeting of the national association in Philadelphia on May 12. Miss McCully will be accompanied by Mrs. Fournier, Miss Conklin, Miss Dustenan, and Mrs. Elliott.

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MICHIGAN.—An earnest effort to place the trained nurses of the State on a higher plane was consummated May 10, when about one hundred and thirty graduate nurses from all over the State gathered in Chaffee Hall, Detroit, Mich., and organized "The Michigan State Nurses' Association." The direct object is to effect State registration for graduate nurses. All those present became charter members of the new organization. The meeting was addressed by Mayor Maybury, C. A. Kent, and Dr. J. H. Carstens. Many prominent women in the profession were present. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. L. E. Grotter, Harper Hospital, Detroit; First Vice-President, Miss Ida M. Barrett, U. B. A., Grand Rapids; second vice-president, Miss Ida M. Tracy, University of Ann Arbor; recording secretary, Miss Henrietta Potts, Grace Hospital, Detroit; corresponding secretary, Miss Sarah E. Sly, Birmingham, Mich.; treasurer, Miss Mary Fletcher, U. B. A., Grand Rapids.

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BROOKLYN.—The regular monthly meeting of the Brooklyn Hospital Alumnae was held on Tuesday, May 3, at three-thirty p.m. The president being absent, the meeting was called to order by the vice-president, Miss Monteith. Twenty-five members were present. After the treasurer's and secretary's reports were approved, a very full and interesting report of the convention of the New York State Nurses' Association, which was held in Albany on April 19, was given by Miss Monteith, who represented our society. The important question of the Associated Alumnae owning THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING was then discussed, our alumnae voting to purchase a share in said JOURNAL if it be decided in Philadelphia that the alumnae associations should purchase the balance of the stock. The question of the endowment fund was discussed, and it was decided to extend the time for raising the money to January 1, 1905. The meeting then adjourned.

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DANBURY, CONN.—The regular meeting of the Graduate Nurses' Association of the Danbury Hospital was postponed to April 19 on account of the funeral of Lieutenant Ernest Weichert, of the United States Navy, a brother of Miss Susie Weichert, an esteemed member of the association. After the usual formalities letters were read from the newly elected honorary members at the annual meeting—viz., Miss Linda Richards, the first graduate nurse in America; Miss Marion Thornton, author of the closing song of the association; Mrs. Clark Barnum, president of the local Women's Christian Temperance Union, and Mrs. Sidney Starbuck, of Brooklyn, N. Y., a sincere friend of the Danbury Hospital and its interests. It was voted that these letters be put on file in the records, etc. A report of the New Haven meeting stated they were unable to transact the important business, as there was not a quorum present.

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CLEVELAND, O.—The Graduate Nurses' Association held its regular monthly meeting at the Young Men's Christian Association Building on Tuesday, April 26. There was a large attendance, and the meeting was opened by the president,



Miss V. V. Lewis. Three new members were admitted to the association—Mrs. E. A. Smith, Miss Van Vester, and Miss Mildred Skirball. A report was read from the Central Registry of the Graduate Nurses' Association. The registry has only been open two months and already fifty nurses are enrolled, and it has been well patronized by the leading physicians. Dr. Friedrich, the city Health Officer, then gave a most interesting talk on "Typhoid and the Condition of the Water in Cleveland." A committee was appointed to revise the constitution and by-laws of the association, after which the meeting adjourned until the last Tuesday in May.

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NEW YORK.—At the regular monthly meeting of the Roosevelt Hospital Alumnae Association, held May 5, the following letter was read:

"Miss Mary A. Samuel, Superintendent of Nurses, Roosevelt Hospital, New York.

"MY DEAR MISS SAMUEL: In accordance with our conversation of yesterday, I enclose herewith a check for five hundred dollars, being a gift by Mrs. James A. Roosevelt to the "Fund for Sick Nurses" of the Roosevelt Hospital, which she sends in recognition of the benefit she has received from trained nursing during the past winter. Yours truly,

"W. EMLEN ROOSEVELT."

This gift of Mrs. Roosevelt has added greatly to the furtherance of the association's endeavors to place the fund on a firm basis and enlist the interest and support of all the members.

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PHILADELPHIA.—The annual meeting of the Alumnae Association of the Presbyterian Hospital in Philadelphia was held at the hospital on Commencement Day, Tuesday, May 3. Fifty-two members were present. The retiring president, Miss Milne, gave a short history of the association during the eight years she had been president, and put in an urgent plea for all the members to join the Pennsylvania State Nurses' Association and work for State registration. The secretary reported a good average attendance at the meetings during the year, showing the interest of the members in the work of their alumnae. The treasurer reported the alumnae in a good financial condition, and she recommended that in the event of the Associated Alumnae not being able to purchase the JOURNAL that this alumnae consider becoming a stockholder.

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—The bill for the registration of nurses introduced in Congress in January and commented upon by the editor in the March JOURNAL was discussed at a special meeting held March 19. The nurses voted not to accept the bill as it stood. A committee of nurses was appointed to prepare a new bill, which has been printed and circulated and will come up at the November meeting for discussion. At the semi-annual meeting in May Miss Nevins, president, most effectually brought before the nurses the matter of ownership of the JOURNAL by the Associated Alumnae and the importance of individual subscription, with the encouraging response of twenty new subscribers. The Graduate Nurses' Association was formally incorporated April 15.

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PHILADELPHIA.—The annual meeting of the Alumnae Association of the Training-School for Nurses of the Methodist-Episcopal Hospital was held on Wednesday, April 13. The attendance was unusually large, the importance of the meeting being fully appreciated. The chairman of the Nominating Com-

mittee announced the following officers elected: President, Miss Lillian Waterman; first vice-president, Miss May Ellis; second vice-president, Miss Orpha Shipman; secretary, Miss Emma C. Miller; treasurer, Miss Fannie Ferris. The meeting was full of interest, and after all business had been transacted it was adjourned for the social hour, when refreshments were served.

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WILLIAMSPORT, PA.—The regular monthly meeting of the Alumnae of the Williamsport Hospital Training-School for nurses took place in the parlors of the Nurses' Home on Thursday, April 28, at three p.m. It was the best attended meeting of this year. Dr. G. D. Nutt gave a practical and instructive discourse on "Surgery," and at the close of the talk a vote of thanks was tendered him for the kindness conferred. After the lecture a short business meeting was held. Two new members were admitted. The May meeting, being the annual meeting, officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

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PHILADELPHIA.—The regular monthly meeting of the Alumnae Association of the Woman's Hospital, Philadelphia, was held at 1227 Arch Street on May 11, 1904. There was a large attendance, fifteen members and three visitors being present. Miss Ball's name was proposed for membership. She was of the Class of 1901. The treasurer, Miss Greaney, read an interesting account of the Woman's Hospital from its incorporation in 1861 up to date, which was very much appreciated by those present. The June meeting will be held at the Woman's Hospital by kind invitation of Dr. Seabrooke.

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ROCHESTER.—The regular quarterly meeting of the Rochester Homœopathic Alumnae Association was held at the hospital on Tuesday evening, May 3, and was one of the best attended and most interesting meetings that they have ever had. Miss Julia Bailey was appointed as its representative to attend the "Seventh Annual Convention of the Associated Alumnae," to be held in Drexel Institute, Philadelphia, May 12, 13, and 14. A committee was named to draw up a "Code of Ethics," and it was decided that the association make application for membership in the Local Council.

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NEW YORK.—The regular meeting of the Bellevue Alumnae was held at the Training-School on Thursday, April 21, the president, Miss Markham, in the chair. Two members of the association now in Europe, Miss Dock and Miss Lampé, were appointed delegates to the International Congress in Berlin. Miss Markham, Miss Rhodes, and Mrs. Bohling were appointed delegates to the convention of the associated alumnae in Philadelphia.

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NEW YORK.—At a meeting of the Mt. Sinai Alumnae, held on May 5, the resolutions drawn up by a committee previously appointed, regretting the loss of a late member, Miss Isabel Ash, were adopted. Fourteen new members were elected. Reports from Committees on County and State Meetings were accepted. After a lengthy business meeting refreshments were served.

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NEW YORK.—The meeting of the New York County Nurses' Association was held at the City Hospital, on Blackwell's Island, on the evening of Tuesday, May 3. There was a very good attendance of members and guests. The next meeting will be held on the first Tuesday in October at the New York Hospital.

ALLEGHENY.—The Class of 1900 of the Nurses' Alumnae Association of the Allegheny General Hospital gave a euchre and dance on April 21 at Waldorf Hall, Allegheny, at which they cleared five hundred dollars to be added to the fund for endowing a bed for nurses in the new hospital, now almost completed.

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NEW YORK.—St. Catherine's Guild for Graduate Nurses held its first annual meeting at St. Rose's Settlement, 257 East Seventy-first Street, on Tuesday, May 3, at three-thirty P.M.

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#### BIRTHS

IN Washington, on April 21, 1904, to Mrs. Dr. Vedder a daughter. Mrs. Vedder was formerly Miss Lillian Norton, a graduate of the Pennsylvania Hospital in 1901.

IN Wilkes-Barre, Pa., March 26, to Mrs. G. W. Reschke, a daughter. Mrs. Reschke graduated from the Franklin County Hospital, Greenfield, Mass., in 1897.

IN Leyden, Mass., April 4, to Mrs. William A. Barber, a son. Mrs. Barber graduated from the Franklin County Hospital in the Class of 1900.

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#### MARRIED

IN Philadelphia, April 14, 1904, at the residence of the brother-in-law of the bride, Amanda J. Armistead, graduate of the Philadelphia Hospital, Class of 1893, late of the Army Nurse Corps, to Major Henry Hunt Ludlow, United States Army. Owing to recent deaths in the families of both contracting parties the wedding was exceedingly quiet. Major and Mrs. Ludlow will reside at Oktibbeha, Miss., where Major Ludlow is stationed as military instructor at an agricultural college.

AT Woodstock, on April 6, 1904, Miss Helen Holmes, graduate of the Toronto General Hospital Training-School for Nurses, Class of 1901, to Mr. Arthur Fairbanks Gibbs, of Port Arthur, Ontario.

IN Philadelphia, on April 20, Miss Emily Liser to Mr. William Roos, of Chicago. Mrs. Roos was a graduate of the Pennsylvania Hospital, Class of 1902.

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#### OBITUARY

ENTERED into rest, Mrs. Mary Mathews, at the Cleveland General Hospital, April 3, 1904. Mrs. Mathews was a graduate of the Class of 1890, and also a Methodist Episcopal deaconess. A very large circle of friends will mourn her loss.

At a meeting of the Cleveland General Hospital Alumnae Association the following resolutions were adopted:

"WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst a dear sister; be it therefore

"Resolved, That while we bow in submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, we feel that we can best hold our sister in loving remembrance by striving to emulate that goodness and sweet, loving sympathy which characterized her Christian character.